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POLITICAL BENJAMIN.

General Butler has been interviewed in reference to the plans and purposes of the London syndicate which is buying Confederate bonds. The General says the syndicate has no right either in law or moral to look to any Southern State for payment of the obligations of the Confederacy. The payment of these bonds, he says, was based upon a contingency which never came to pass. The purchase of a bond was simply a bet that the Confederacy would establish itself as a permanent government. They lost the bet and their money as finally and fairly as if they had bet on the losing horse in a race.

The San Francisco *Call* says: General Butler is perhaps the more pronounced in this expression of his views, from the position he occupies as a possible Presidential candidate. He knows how capital has been made against the party to which he looks for nomination in the past, and how the same agencies can still work on the Northern mind. For a long time the people of the North were made to believe that the ascendancy of the Democratic party meant the payment of hundreds of millions in the way of settlement of Southern claims, and other hundreds of millions in pensions to Confederate soldiers. It is quite possible that before the next Presidential election in over the Confederate bond scheme may take such shape that some of the more unscrupulous journals will insinuate that the Democrats will assume the entire debt if they are intrusted with power. Butler has placed himself on record in advance.

YELLOWSTONE RIFEDRONE

The excursion party of Mr. Rufus Hatch to the Yellowstone Park, says the New York *Morning Journal*, will be one of the most unique affairs ever devised. His collection of celebrities is simply wonderful. Barnum never succeeded in bringing together, even in wax, so many illustrious personages. First of all there is a Major General and Baron of the German empire, whose breast is ablaze with gold medals. In addition there is almost a quorum of the German Reichstag. Two members of the British Parliament have been "corralled" for the expedition. Irish Lords, a French Baron who condescends to write for a Paris paper, the proprietor of one London journal and three or four others are among the minor attractions. The American show will include ex-President Grant and one or two stray members of the Cabinet. For side-shows there will be an assortment of Governors and a miscellaneous mob of Congressmen and State legislators. This curious gathering could have been brought together only by a man of Mr. Hatch's capacious genius.

The bold hunters of Newport chased the agile anise-seed bag over the fields the other day, says the Boston *Globe*, in the sight of a live Earl and Countess from England. Near the end of the run a poor, scared fox was let out of a sack, and was, of course, caught by the hounds, because he did not know whither to go for safety. A New York society lady was given the brush, and a Boston dude got the pads for not falling off his horse during the exciting chase of the anise-seed bag. Noble sport, indeed! A live fox on his native heath would frighten one of these awfully English-American dudes out of his boots.

When David Davis was a young man, he bought a piece of land every year. This has been held and well cared for, and now he is worth \$4,000,000 or more mostly represented by real estate. He never speculates, and never owned any stock, except in a bank he helped start at home.

The police of St. Petersburg surprised a public meeting yesterday, and arrested five persons.

EASTERN DISPATCHES.

PRESS DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.

The President's Party in Camp.

CAMP BISHOP FORK, Wyo., Aug. 15.

The President and party encamped at the forks of Wind river, upon the same ground occupied last year by General Sheridan. The camp was then named Camp Bishop, in honor of Mr. H. R. Bishop of New York, who was a member of the General's party, and the name has been retained for the present camp here. We remain today for the double purpose of affording an opportunity for the various members of the party to hunt and fish, and to rearrange the pack loads. This is our supply camp, whence we have to take packs, rations, etc., and sufficient forage to last us through to the Park. At the present moment, while your correspondent is writing this dispatch, all members of the party have gone out, either hunting or fishing. The President, who is in fine health and spirits, has gone on horseback with General Sheridan about three miles up the main fork of Wind river, where last evening the President caught several fine trout. The weather is delightful. The march is enjoyed by everybody. The results of to-day's sport will have to remain over for to-morrow's chronicle.

More Failures.

NEW YORK, August 15.

The failure of E. C. Stedman & Co. is announced. The firm has made an assignment to John McGinnis, Jr. Liabilities small, and the firm owes no one but its customers. The failure is due to a dishonest clerk, who took securities which he appropriated for his own speculations on a fictitious account. Stedman's failure has had but little effect on the share speculation thus far; prices are fractionally lower from the highest point of the day. No stocks have been closed out under the rule of their account. Geo. W. Ballon, W. H. Bingham, David H. Darling and A. S. Weeks, composing the firm of Geo. W. Ballon & Co., the bankers who failed yesterday, have filed an assignment to-day for the benefit of their creditors, in the County Clerk's office, to Theo. M. Nevins. No preferences are stated.

They Wait on the Manager.

NEW YORK, August 15.

At noon to-day a committee of six striking operators formerly employed by the Western Union, waited on General Eckert and asked for an interview, which was granted. It is not known what proposition they have to advance. The committee said they represented the Morse telegraphers, Wheatstone operators and the linemen in the employ of the Western Union Company, but that their call was not to be considered as a weakening on the part of the Brotherhood; their purpose was to inquire on what terms the men would be taken back into service. General Eckert said he would recommend that those now out should apply to their respective superintendents as to the terms for a resumption of work.

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More of the Wall Street Excitements.

NEW YORK, August 15.

A large number of persons thronged the gallery of the Stock Exchange this morning, expecting to see the scenes

of yesterday repeated. The Western Union stock, which closed at 74 yesterday, dropped to 72½ on opening the market to-day, and it was feared railroad stock would suffer a similar decline, but they opened at a slight advance over the closing figures yesterday, and soon Western Union rallied and sold at 74½, but soon declined to 72. Several brokers expressed the opinion that no failure would occur to-day, and that the feverish feeling would subside before the close of the day's business, but others are not so sanguine; they found encouragement in the firmer feeling on change, but thought it more than probable that the improved condition was temporary, and feared the day might bring forth disastrous defaults in the Stock Exchange, and thought there was no foundation for hope in the present outlook. Ballon & Co. have not yet prepared a statement; they expect, however, to have it completed some time during the day.

Stocks are weaker; prices fell off from 1½ to 2½, Western Union and North Pacific being prominent in the decline. At one time there was a considerable pressure to sell the former, and the stock touched 72½, within ½ of the lowest of the day. Just before the close a rally of ½ to ¾ took place, the latter in Western Union, which sold up to 73½.

Distinguished Visitors.

NEWPORT, R. I., August 15.

The steam yacht Yosemita has arrived. She has on board Henry Villard and family and a party of Bavarian military and civic officers, who come to the United States to witness the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

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Domestic Infidelity.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 14.

Mrs. Charles A. Knoback pitched her husband in the canal and then leaped in herself. The woman was drowned but the husband was rescued.

FOREIGN DISPATCHES.

PRESS DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.

A New Cable—Will Precede.

OTTAWA, Aug. 14.

The Government steamer Newfield has been ordered to lay the Cape Seaboard Island cable to the main line, and also to repair the Grand Manan cable which has been out of order for some time.

The Marquis of Lorne will preside at the festival of the Scottish corporation at Aberdeen, Scotland, on St. Andrew's day next.

A Probable Earthquake.

LONDON, August 15.

There are alarming signs of an earthquake in Servia, on the Island, the earth drying and smoke issuing from fissures in the ground. The minister has issued orders for the immediate erection of huts for the accommodation of the people in case they are compelled to vacate their houses.

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

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—All the telegraph operators who went on the strike in Quebec have returned to work.

—It is now thought that the funds for the recent outbreak in Spain came from French Republicans and speculators.

—It is reported that Prussia has remonstrated with the Vatican against the language of its leading organ in Rome.

—The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company propose to erect a depot in Chicago to cover a whole block, and costing \$50,000.

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JOTTINGS.

Suckers and other small fish are plentiful at Beck's dam.

Three bars of bullion came in from the South this morning.

The brick for the reconstruction of the "Coats Tavern" were delivered yesterday.

Attention is called to Mrs. Parker's "ad" in the 50-cent column. She has a house to rent.

Three cars of emigrants went west, and three cars of California fruit went east this morning.

The cold nights of the past week have materially increased the volume of water in the Truckee river.

R. V. Borden has nearly finished plastering the old schoolhouse, which is being prepared for the Kindergarten school.

A couple of Indians brought three or four dozen grouse and sage hens into Reno yesterday, weighing from one to four pounds each.

S. Jacobs, the Reno tailor, continues his contract of making the Central Pacific train men the best and most tastily dressed people who are seen on the depot platform.

Lachman & Cohn are deserving the good will of all Reno pedestrians, for cutting down those knots, which were fast becoming large-sized bunions, in front of their place of business, on Virginia street.

AN IMMENSE CANAL.

An Irrigating Ditch to be One Hundred Feet Wide.

The most gigantic irrigation enterprise ever inaugurated in the State of California has been commenced in Fresno county, the canal for which will be the largest in the State, and fed by Kings river. The water is intended to irrigate 30,000,000 acres of rich land, at present barren through lack of water. The source of supply of this canal will be higher than any other debouching from the same stream. Its dimensions are: One hundred feet in width at the bottom; levees an average of 15 feet in height and eight feet wide at the top, broad enough for a wagon road. The depth of the water is expected to be five feet, with a fall of 18 inches to the mile. The dam in the mountain canyon, whence the water is taken, will be a wonderful and permanent one. It is 25 feet high, 800 feet long, 140 feet wide at the base, and 25 feet on the top. It is rapped on the inside with heavy rock, and every precaution taken to make it sufficiently strong to securely hold the great weight of water that must be supported. The water is led into the canal from a large head-gate, constructed of heavy timber 100 feet in width and 18 feet high. It is planked over so as to make a bridge for heavy wagons, and has wings to protect it from the floods. The canal is expected to carry 1,300 cubic feet of water per second.

L. O. G. T.

The Good Templars' Installation Tuesday Evening.

A public installation of the officers of the Good Templar Lodge in this place, took place at their hall last evening. D. G. C. T., G. C. Holesworth, assisted by T. F. Laycock, Deputy Grand Marshall, and Miss Eva Barnes, Deputy Grand Secretary, performed the installing ceremony in an impressive and creditable manner. The following are the new officers: P. H. Mulcahy, W. C. T.; Mrs. W. D. Wagar, R. H. S.; Mrs. P. H. Mulcahy, L. H. S.; Mrs. N. Rosecrans, W. V. T.; Miss Clara Cossitt, W. S.; J. F. Aitken, W. F. S.; Mrs. M. A. Mosher, W. T.; Rev. E. B. Hatch, W. M.; Mrs. M. Merrill, W. I. G.; H. Patten, W. O. G.; Rev. G. W. DeLaMaty, W. C. The musical and literary exercises of the evening were very pleasing and entertaining, and more are promised.

A China Leper in the Reno Jail.
There was received from Wadeworth at the county jail yesterday morning, a Chinaman who had been sent up for 60 days for selling whiskey to Indians, who is believed to be, by Drs. Waggoner and Lewis, who made a careful examination of the case, a genuine Chinese leper. The report of the physician caused considerable uneasiness among the officials and a comfortable bunk was hastily prepared in an out-building to which he was removed. It is understood that the Six Chinese Companies of San Francisco have some kind of an arrangement with the Hawaiian Government to take on their leper island, Chinese cases discovered on this coast. If so, no time should be lost in having this rapidly decaying heathen placed in their charge. Some severe criticism was indulged in yesterday touching the act of the Wadsworth Justice, but it is not at all likely that he believed the case to be leprosy.

Last Trains and Visitors.

The west-bound passenger train came along in two sections this morning, one arriving here at 9 o'clock and the other about 11. Both trains were loaded with Knights. The New York State Battalion of K. T., and New York Commandery occupying four Pullmans. The Boston Commandery was also among the visiting Sir Knights. The Middle Commandery left on the last section, in a car by themselves.

Not a Financier.
A brilliant real estate transaction is told on the editor of the Belvoir Sun. He recently sold for \$100 a house and lot for which he paid \$200 during the dull season, and a day or two after selling, rented the same piece of property for one year agreeing to pay \$1 per month for the use of the house.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

Something Interesting to the Friends of Education.

The following clipping from the Carson Index is what State Superintendent Young thinks of Kindergarten schools: It may seem to many people of little moment that one of our Carson ladies has just graduated from the Kindergarten Normal, conducted by Madame Krouse of New York city. That simple fact would pass unnoticed, were it not true that it indicates a sentiment which prevails among the masses, demanding a revolution in our public school system of instruction. Should she prepare herself in this way, Mrs. Scoville was promised a position in the public schools of Reno; and the trustees have been as good as their word.

Through the entire east this spirit is manifest on the part of school officers, they, in some cases, paying the whole expense of the student of kindergarten methods, with the promise that she will give them a term of service, at a reasonable salary. This system of free kindergarten schools has been established in Chicago. A free kindergarten training school for teachers has also been organized in that city, and is under the direction of Matilda H. Ross. To the pupil teachers of this training school there is no expense, save for board and stationery; but there is extracted from each pupil admitted a promise that the association may have her services, at a fair salary, for one year if desired. There will be expanded in this school this year \$10,000. Cincinnati, St. Louis, Cleveland, Columbus and other cities have similar conducted training schools. In view of the increasing demand for this already immensely popular system of teaching, it would be well for girls preparing to teach to consider, for their own personal interest, the advisability of becoming a kindergartner.

UNLUCKY CHILDREN.

Infanticide in Superstitious Madagascar.

It is not generally known that the Sakhalians of Madagascar are given to infanticide. The St. James Gazette says every child that is unfortunate enough to enter the world on Friday is carried to the nearest wood, laid in a shallow hole, and left to its fate, Friday being held in Madagascar, as in many other countries, to be an unlucky day. By a very different process of reasoning, certain children born on Sunday are doomed to death by exposure. Sunday being a lucky day, it is considered that Sunday's babies whose fathers held high rank will, if they are allowed to grow up, become dangerous to their progenitors, and they are put out of the way lest trouble should ensue. Twins, too, are killed, and every infant whose birth has caused the death of its mother is destroyed, because, according to the law of the Sakhalians it is a murderer; and when a child is born at midnight it is customary to place it next day on a path by which oxen go to water. If the beasts do not touch it on their way, the infant's life is saved; but if a hoof or a hair brushes it, no matter how lightly, the child is slain.

UTAH MARBLE.

Finer than the Finest Florentine and Carrara Marbles.

Speaking of the marble quarries of Spanish Fork Canyon, Utah, the Salt Lake Tribune says: Some time ago the parties who have filed claims to these valuable quarries seal samples to New York city for examination and to get the opinion of experts as to the quality. The samples were sent to one of the largest marble dealers in that city, in fact the largest in the U. S., who not only deals in marbles of America but is an extensive importer. The opinion of such a man should be ample to establish the quality of marble, and hence the parties sending him samples waited very anxiously for his report, which came two or three days ago, and was not made until the marble sent him had passed through all the various tests employed to determine its value. After speaking of the various marbles, giving prices, etc., this man says of the Utah samples: "It is finer than the finest Florentine and Carrara marbles." The prices given for imported marbles in New York, and also of some American marbles, are such as will justify shipping from here.

A Very Natural Question from Sacramento Valley.

A little Woodland, Cal., girl was told by her mother the story of the crucifixion. The mother pictured the sad scene in all of its horrors. She told of the nails that pierced the feet, and how the hands were nailed to the ponderous beams of wood, until the little girl, with tears running down her dimpled and childish cheeks, said, "Mamma, if they had his hands nailed fast and the skeeters should bite, how could he scratch?"

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PERSONALS.

Senator P. N. Marker is in town. Charley Gruber of Dayton went below to-day.

Fred Boegle of Virginia City went below to-day.

W. O. H. Martin and family left for the Bay this morning.

M. C. Gardner of Carson came in on the V. & T. this morning.

C. T. Bender of the First National bank went below to-day.

United States Marshal Corbett has returned from McDermott.

Sheriff J. F. Emmitt and County Clerk R. S. Osburn are rustinating at Lake Tahoe.

Martin Jones, a San Francisco mining man, went below to-day.

George Gilson of Bodie, and his wife and daughters from Carson, passed below to-day.

Colonel Jerry B. Moore of Ruby Valley was a passenger for San Francisco on yesterday's train.

N. A. H. Mason, the stock man, came up from below this morning, on his way to Mason Valley.

Superintendent Patten of the Comstock returned from San Francisco on this morning's train.

Lo Hamilton, superintendent of several of the Comstock mines, came up from California this morning.

William Sutherland of the Virginia Enterprise and family went below to-day to attend the Conclave.

John Rosser, the Teutonic Carson butcher, and wife were passengers for San Francisco on this morning's train.

General J. R. Kittrell is in White Pine county attending to the prosecution in the late shooting affray in that county.

Rev. G. R. Davis, Master Mechanic Fording and Roadmaster Atherton came down from Carson on the noon train to-day.

U. S. Senator J. P. Jones came up from the Bay this morning. The Senator is always welcome when he visits his constituency.

H. P. Kraus (Nasby) started for San Francisco this morning, for the double purpose of purchasing a new stock of goods and to attend the Conclave.

John Wagner, for many years a partner of Jake Kline in Carson, and now a successful business man in Bodie, came in from the South this morning, on his way to attend the Conclave.

United States Land Receiver S. C. Wright, wife and daughter, came from Carson on the noon train, on a visit to relatives in Reno, and will leave for Woodland and San Francisco to-morrow.

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E. B. Rail, who, with his family, resides at the Bay, and does a hardware business in Carson, returned to California this morning. Mr. R. was heard to express the opinion, that he had been out of the state sufficiently long to insure his election to the United States Senate.

TOO FASTIDIOUS.

How the Salt Lake Saints Live, and Their Religion.

A guest at one of the Lake Tahoe hotels writes to the Carson Appeal desiring that journal to denounce said hotel for permitting indiscriminate bathing without sufficient railing on the part of the bathers.

The Appeal, with a sigh, declares its inability to do so unless the proprietor of the hotel will pay extra for the advertisement. Evidently the lady is too fastidious. She should come to Salt Lake, and come in on a late excursion train. She would go back and get down on her knees to the Tahoe landlord, and would tell her lady friends in a whisper that the Western people are mere children in experience; that they ought to go to Salt Lake and see the Saints live up to their religion.

A Dangerous Explosion.

Yesterday, says the Silver State

of the 14th inst., the railroad men unloaded from the cars and weighed a 1,700-pound tank filled with acid for Charles Kemler. The tank was left on the platform, where it exploded a few minutes after the railroad men had left it, scattering the fiery liquid over the platform and on the track. It blackened and charred the planks, but the yard engine, which was near by, threw water on it and possibly prevented a fire. Some of the acid was thrown over twenty feet by the force of the explosion, which seemed to have been caused by a defect in the tank, through which air reached the acid.

A Quick Trip.

The steamer Mariposa arrived in San Francisco at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. Her record surprises even those who were most sanguine in her praise. The trip to the Islands was made in five days and twenty hours, and the home trip in six days, eight and half hours. The best previous trip was made by one of the English steamers, and took but little less than seven days.

The Mariposa brought as passengers Senator, Mrs. and Miss Miller, President Steel and Miss Steel, John Spreckles and the Royal Hawaiian band.

Bears Captured.

The Inyo Independent of last Saturday says: According to Pap Walker, of Olancha, a gentleman known as "Hank," foreman of one of Bixby's gang of sheep men, ran across in the mountains the other day a big bear with her three cubs. He killed the mother and captured all three of the cubs, but found them just too many for him to handle. He has two of them now in captivity. They are lively pets of about a month old. The captives are to be taken to Los Angeles.

The Cause of Expansion.

A board of officers, with Captain Greer as president, says the Virginia Chronicle, has tested a lot of rifles at the Springfield armory to determine the cause of the bulging of the barrel, which occasionally occurs in practice. They find it due to the fact that the muzzle has been stopped by sand, caused by resting the muzzle in wet sand, or in dry sand after the gun has become foul from firing. This arrests the passage of the ball, so that the pressure is increased at the point of swelling. It is curious that sand produced this result where wooden plugs, driven in tightly and swelled by steam, failed to do so.

Paradise Valley Mill.

The Silver State says: The Paradise Valley mill is now running steadily on ore from the Wild Goose mine. As Martin creek is low at this season of the year, a part of the motive power is supplied by steam. Bullion shipments from this mill will now be in order.

A. C. NEALE

Has REMOVED HIS FURNITURE store from the Old Palace building to

THE RED STORE,

North of the railroad, between Virginia and Second streets, where his old friends will find him with a full line of furniture and bedding, cheaper than ever. Repairing of all kinds is done.

SOMETHING EXCITING.

A **Balky Horse** Nearly Causes a Fatal Accident.

The Virginia Chronicle of Mon-

day contains the following: One day last week a miner working in the Keyes and Wheeler claim in Seven-mile Canyon, had a thrilling experience, and one which he will probably remember to the last day of his life. He was working in the bottom of the shaft, which is about 270 feet deep, and had just finished the work of putting in a blast. He lit the fuse, got on board the bucket and gave the signal to hoist. It may be well in this connection to state that the hoisting is done by means of a horse-whim, and a day or two previous a new horse had been purchased for the work. The animal started up, but almost immediately fell down, after raising the bucket about five feet above the bottom of the shaft. The snapping of the fuse sounded like the yelling of demons to the affrighted miner, and he shouted to start up the whim. He was not within arm's length of the fuse, and dared not get out of the bucket, thinking every second that the horse would be started up. In the meantime the two men at the surface were clubbing the stubborn animal and yelling like fiends. The feelings of the man at the bottom cannot be imagined. The fuse was getting shorter and shorter and would soon reach the giant powder. He grew pale with terror, but what was his relief when he felt the bucket move upwards—slowly at first, but presently with fast-increasing speed. He drew a long breath and inwardly returned thanks. Before he reached the surface the blast went off, sending fragments of rock in all directions, none of which hit the miner. The man was almost dead from fright when he reached the top, and says he would not repeat the experience for the whole of the Comstock lode.

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